

**What Must I Do
to Inherit
Eternal Life?**

Does it really matter what you do or believe?

- ❑ 92% of Christians indicated they believe in heaven.*
- ❑ 79% of Christians indicated they believed in hell.*
- ❑ 45% of Christians indicated that you don't have to believe in God to receive eternal life.*
- ❑ 31% of Christians indicated that their religion is the one, true way to eternal life.*
- ❑ 13% of Christians indicated that only Christianity leads to eternal life.*

**Survey taken from Pew Research Center's Survey of the USA in 2021*

Hmmm... I wonder if Jesus was asked this question?

Luke 18:18-23 (ESV) ¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, **what must I do to inherit eternal life?**" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth."

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "**One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.**" ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Wait... does that mean we earn our salvation through works?

Did Zacchaeus take advantage of a 50% off sale on salvation?

Luke 19:7-10 (NKJV) ⁷ But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Zacchaeus's heart was moved to follow Jesus. His possessions did not possess him.

Jesus immediately recognized the change in Zacchaeus's heart and proclaimed that he'd received salvation and that he was a true son of Abraham.

Are you a true child of Abraham?

Yeah!!!! It's grace, through faith, that saves us!

Romans 10:9-10 (HCSB) ⁹ If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV2011) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Did you know you were created to serve in the Kingdom?

It's God's grace through SAVING faith that saves us

James 2:14-17 (NASB) ¹⁴ What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

1 John 2:3-4 (NLT2) ³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not

Since souls with saving faith receive grace and obey God...
Do you have saving faith? Do you truly love Jesus (THE Way)?